

News Review

Beat The Rush

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Thursday, February 4, 1999



Greg Ault (l.) of EDAW and Attorney Chip Reed (r.), representing the owners/developers of Metroland appeared at a Greenbelt City Council

worksession on January 20. Looking on are city planners Celia Craze and Terry Hruby.

photo by Prospero Zevallos

Wetlands Issue is Key Topic At Metroland Work Session

by Virginia Beauchamp

If anything was certain about the possibilities expressed at the Greenbelt City Council work session on January 20 concerning the future development to be called Greenbelt Station, it was that everything is uncertain. Greenbelt Station is the proposed upscale retail and residential-office development envisioned for the A. H. Smith property and the Green Line Metro site between Greenbelt Road and the Capital Beltway. Attorney Richard (Chip) Reed and Greg Ault were present to represent the Metroland Developers LLC, developers of Greenbelt Station. Reed, who has worked from the beginning with the Focus Group planning process involving staff members from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, representatives of area businesses and communities, and local citizens, was present to provide a status report on plans for the development. Ault is a staff

member with EDAW, a San Francisco-based international corporation which specializes in ecological restoration and enhancement services. EDAW is one of several corporations involved in the development of Greenbelt Station.

According to Reed, the group was not ready yet to present formal plans, but he recalled the frustration of Focus Group participants with the earlier secretiveness of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) concerning plans for the property. He felt that an interim report to the city council might "add vitality" to the discussion. "We're sharing the facts as we know them," he said; "we're trying to be open and forthcoming with the facts."

Uncertainties

The first uncertainty concerning whether the site can even be developed deals with the possibility of direct access from the Capital Beltway. At present, Reed reported, both Maryland

state and federal highway administrations are studying its feasibility. The date by which their reports are due, Reed said, seems to be "a moving target" but he estimated that information may be available by March 1.

Wetlands

His primary concern at the January 20 meeting was to present the first interim report on the issue of wetlands known to exist on the Smith property. He had brought with him a new map produced by the developers consultants that was based on their survey of the land and that delineated, said Reed, 12 acres of regulated wetlands. These wetlands send waters into streams that flow into the "waters of the United States"; that is, those which ultimately reach the ocean.

The survey, Reed said, should be received "as just another concept." It involved studying the botany of the area, the animal habitats, flood plains, and wetlands, he said. But he cautioned that "plans will change." Final environmental assessments, such as flood plain delineations, were not expected before April.

In the meantime the Corps of Engineers will review a revised wetlands map. A final determination by the Corps is expected within a month.

Kevin Kelly, president of Environmental Systems Analysts, Inc., the city's representative on environmental matters, agreed about

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School Budget Sessions Stress Math Problems

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt area parents attended three recent meetings concerning the FY2000 Prince George's County school budget. A small group of parents and concerned citizens turned out on January 19 to question the school board about the budget. The very next night, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) PTSA met, with the budget part of the agenda. The final meeting of the week was the County Executive's hearings at which several ERHS PTSA members testified.

Among those attending the meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School were members of the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Advisory Board. Making presentations were advisory board chair Dr. Bonnie Dill and members Leta Mach, who is also chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education, and Hilary Kirk, who also serves as president of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA. James Henderson, the new school board member who represents Greenbelt, was in attendance.

Math Problems Emphasized

The advisory board chose to emphasize the problems in math, especially in the elementary schools. Mach commented that she had testified last year that "only 6.8 percent of (county) students had passed the Level 1, grade 6 Maryland Functional Math Test. Well, it hasn't improved. This past fall only 5.2 percent passed that test." The

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Council Receives Report, Hears Citizens at Meeting

by Diane Oberg

At its January 25 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council heard from citizens about the Greenbelt New Year celebration and the proposed annexation of the Parkside at Greenbelt subdivision, which will be the subject of a March 9 referendum; and discussed cable television and liquor license issues.

Police Concerns

Mat Amberg, of Hillside Road, spoke against the annexation of Parkside. Saying that he had concerns about police that he wanted to discuss with council in private, he cautioned council that "You dare not undertake any additional responsibilities until you get us more cops." He said that there should be an officer patrolling Roosevelt Center and other popular locations. "You've got to furnish more coverage more of the time," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that four new officers are "in the pipeline" and that she expected that the possibility of adding an officer for the center would be discussed during the upcoming budget review this spring.

Cable Television

Sheldon Goldberg, noting that Starpower has approached

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. about providing cable television service to that community, asked whether the company would be serving other parts of the city. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that he expects the company will soon approach the city government about a franchise agreement. He said that the company would get essentially the same agreement the city has with Jones Communications, and that they would have both the right and the requirement to serve the entire city, although they could build their system in phases. He noted, however, that private property owners can make their own cable television arrangements, as Springhill Lake Apartments already does.

Film Festival

Sarah Schaffer, a city recreation coordinator who is also the spokesperson for the "Save the Greenbelt Theater" campaign, reported that the first weekend of the Hitchcock Film Festival was a "huge success." The festival was underwritten by the city government to help the theater stay in operation. Schaffer reported that weekend attendance exceeded 1,200, bringing in more

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Police Presence Evaluated

by James Giese

In response to criticism that the Greenbelt Police Department was not "visible enough" in Greenbelt East, Chief James Craze had a special study done of police activity there over a six-day period, November 23 - 28, 1998. During this period, officers kept a detailed record of the time spent in that part of the city and where they were. According to the chief, the study indicated that on average there was the equivalent of one man on duty in Greenbelt East each day. In fact, the study averaged out to almost 26 hours of time by police officers in Greenbelt East for each day.

Craze believes that this is as it should be, considering the number of officers assigned and the causes that pull officers away from their patrol beats. The chief reports that there are three eight-hour shifts on duty each day. Each shift, when fully staffed, has five officers assigned to it. Three of the officers, patrol officers, are assigned to patrol beats, one in each of the three sectors that the city is divided into. A sergeant, the shift commander, and a corporal serve as roaming officers, backing up the three beat officers when needed. A sixth officer is also assigned, but due to the need to provide for full coverage every day of the week, one officer is usually off-duty. This deployment makes it possible to keep an officer in each sector most of the time. Beat officers do have

to leave their sectors for various reasons, the most frequent ones being to process a person arrested and to back up other officers when needed. Other factors that cut into officers being on their beats are sick leave, vacations, court time and required training. However, non-patrol officers are pulled from other duties whenever possible in order to assure a minimum of five patrol officers on duty at all times.

The departmental report also broke down the locations of the officers while in Greenbelt East. It found that 43 percent of the day was spent in patrolling residential neighborhoods, 10 percent in patrolling commercial developments and the remaining time on major roads, in the parks, on traffic stops, writing reports on traffic accidents, and responding to calls for service in neighborhoods. The majority of the patrol time was spent in Windsor Green and Greenbriar, the two largest developments in Greenbelt East. However lesser amounts of time were spent in each of the other developments, with the least time being spent in Greenwood Village.

Why?

Why aren't the police more readily seen? Part of the reason is that patrol time occurs around the clock — at times when residents are not home or asleep. Some of the patrol time logged is by the patrol supervisors and command staff personnel who

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What Goes On

Monday, February 8, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (See agenda)

Wed., February 10, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession — Y2K-MB, Municipal Building

Thurs., February 11, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Letters

Thanks

To those who contributed toys in our 1998 Toy Drive, we want to thank all of you from Greenbelt and other Prince George's County areas.

This was our biggest toy drive and the toys were distributed by the following: Prince George's County Department of Education/Social Services, various individual families and hospital pediatric wards of Prince George's General, Holy Cross, Washington Adventist and Children's Hospitals. Nurses at these hospitals wrapped the gifts and placed them by the children's beds Christmas Eve. They told us when the children awoke Christmas morning and found the toys they were very happy.

Thanks to everyone who gave toys, and to the Beltway Plaza Developers and Beltway Plaza Merchants' Association for cash donations, which made our toy drive the largest in our 10 year history.

With the toys we had left over, arrangements are being made for shipment to Honduras, where a hurricane last year destroyed a large part of the island. We are working with the Lions Club of Honduras and religious groups to see that these toys are given to families with needy children.

Joseph E. Wilkinson,
Chairman
Greenbelt Lions Club Toy Drive

Board Holds Budget Worksession

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a budget worksession to discuss the proposed FY-2000 operating budget. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8 at 6 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

Board members, the Superintendent, and senior level staff will review priorities and discuss school system needs as they pertain to the budget. Public comment will not be accepted during the worksession; however, the public is invited to attend and listen as budget issues are discussed.

Discussion Offered On Simple Living

Voluntary Simplicity, as a cure to environmental problems, is a growing grassroots movement spreading throughout America today. The tenets of Simple Living are frugal consumption, ecological awareness and personal growth. The possibility of setting up Circles of Simplicity with friends and neighbors in Greenbelt will be discussed on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in Dining Room 1 of the Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

The film *Affluenza*, which was presented on PBS last year, will be shown. Through revealing personal stories, expert commentary, hilarious old film clips, dramatized vignettes and "anti-commercial" breaks, *Affluenza* examines the high cost of achieving the most extravagant lifestyle the world has ever seen.

Call Janet Hartley on 301-345-2571 for more information.

Remember Cindy?

Cindy Waters is the young woman with the inoperable brain tumor who was profiled in the November 5 issue of the Greenbelt News Review and also featured on the front page of the December 17 issue of the Gazette.

Beginning this week she is undergoing four carbo platinum chemo treatments. These treatments which are clinical trials are very costly.

While NIH pays for most of the cost of these treatments, it does not pay for experimental drugs not yet approved by the FDA.

There has been an account, the Cindy Waters Fund, set up at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 111 Centerway, to help Cindy defray the cost of the treatments.

Irene Hensel

Thanks

Thanks to all the caring individuals who donated items to the Washington Humane Society's Shelter. Many homeless and abused dogs and cats were helped by your generosity! The drop-off barrel will be in the lobby of the Greenbelt Community Center for another two weeks. To volunteer at the shelter, please call 202-576-6664.

Sara Schaffer,
Greenbelt Recreation Coordinator

Cut-Rate Love

Valentine's Day is almost upon us. This year the News Review is offering a half-price special on its "Love Notes" — classified ads containing brief love messages, rhymed or otherwise. The deadline is Tuesday, February 9 for the issue of February 11. Let your sweetie know you care! (See ad in classified section.)

Cable Renewal Process On Council Agenda

The agenda for the City Council meeting of February 8 will include several cable issues. The council will consider all these issues at one time so that the city can meet certain deadlines in the cable renewal process. The issues are as follows:

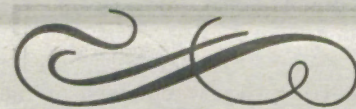
A public hearing will be held on the proposed transfer of ownership from Jones Communications to Comcast. Representatives from both companies will be in attendance to answer questions.

Also under Legislation will be the introduction and first reading of a new cable ordinance. Language in the new ordinance will govern the new franchise agreement with Jones Communications and any other cable franchise that council may grant.

An ordinance for the renewal of the cable franchise and adoption of a new cable agreement will also be included for first reading. The agreement outlines the provisions for improvements to the system and all obligations of the cable company.

Lastly, the agenda will include a resolution to extend the current franchise until June 30, 1999.

The documents under consideration have resulted from many hours of negotiations and compromise. The members of the Prince George's County Cable Coalition feel that this agreement is in line with other cable franchises in the metropolitan area. Most of the participating municipalities and the county are expected to pass on these documents over the next two months.



The Old Curmudgeon



"I forgot to put a love note in the News Review!"



OFFICIAL NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTING Special Election - March 9, 1999

Any qualified elector who would be prevented from voting in the special election by reason of religious beliefs, physical condition, or absence from the city on the day of election is entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

- (1) Letters of application for absentee ballots may be written to the City Clerk, stating why an absentee ballot is needed; if more than one ballot is needed, the letter must be signed by all persons wanting a ballot; or
- (2) Application forms may be obtained in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Applications to vote by absentee ballot will be accepted from Wednesday, February 17, 1999 until noon on Monday, March 8, 1999. The completed absentee ballot must be returned to the City Clerk no later than 6:00 p.m. the day of the special election, Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

Electors may complete their absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at the time they present their written applications, if they wish. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.

MAD Productions

Presents

Twelve Angry Men

Feb. 12-27

directed by Eliot Malumuth

Goddard Recreation Center

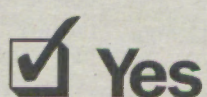
Call for reservations 301-937-7762

Ticket includes light food and beer,
wine and sodas with a pre-show cabaret

Welcome Parkside! Welcome Parkside!



The Friends of Parkside,
a group of Greenbelt citizens,
ask you to vote



on Tuesday, March 9
to annexing the Parkside community
into the City of Greenbelt

Voter information: Janet Parker 301-474-6668
Treasurer: Emory Harman

Welcome Parkside! Welcome Parkside!

Community Events

National Parks Video At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is showing "Symphony to America's Wonders" featuring national parks across the country. The video will be shown at the Ranger Station on Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m. For more directions or information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Pro-ICC Speaker At Greenbelt Greens

A representative of the Greater Washington Board of Trade will speak to the Greenbelt Greens on Monday February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station. The speaker will present the case in favor of the Intercounty Connector. For further information phone 301-474-1998. Refreshments will be served.

Photo Club Meets On February 9

The Greenbelt Photo Club will hold its February 9 meeting at the studio of Warren Kahle, award-winning professional photographer and framer. Meet at Kahle's photography studio at 3036 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, at 7:30 p.m. All those interested are welcome to attend but space is limited. For more information or to reserve a space call 301-779-6576.

Explore Meals For Small Households

On Friday, February 12, at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited presents "Planning, Shopping and Preparing Food for a Small Household." The presenter is Paula Cook, a clinical dietitian for Kaiser Permanente in Gaithersburg. Cook received her B.S. in science education, her M.A. in health education and her M.S. in nutrition, all from the University of Maryland, College Park. Cook's work includes a wide range of health conditions related to food and nutrition (everything from anemia to vitamins and including diabetes, obesity and other conditions). Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series which meets in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Hard of Hearing Meeting in Greenbelt

Having trouble hearing on the telephone or hearing the doorbell? Do family members complain that the volume is too high on the television set? Join the Prince George's County Group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Thursday, February 11, 2-4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. David Baquis, director, National Center on Assisted Technology will be the presenter. People will have a chance to see devices that provide amplification (whether or not they wear a hearing aid) or produce an alerting signal. Many of these devices are relatively inexpensive and make life less stressful for those with hearing loss. For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

At the Library

Wednesday, February 10, 4 p.m. Children's Book Discussion Group, for ages 8 - 12.
7 p.m. P.J. Storytime, for ages 4 - 6.
Thursday, February 11, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime, for ages 3 - 5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Black History Salute At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is celebrating Black History Month with a salute to George Washington Carver. Kofi A. Ofori will be the guest speaker and a video will be shown. Meet at the Ranger Station in Greenbelt Park on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. For more directions or information, please call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Greenbelt Park Dog Walk

Enjoy the sights and sounds of February with a dog. Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting a two-mile dog walk on Sunday, February 7, at 1 p.m. Dogs must be leashed. Please bring a bag or scoop to pick up after the dog. Meet at the Ranger Station. For more directions or information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto
At the February 10 meeting of the Golden Age Club the program will be "Helpful Hints for Easier Living." Meetings are held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. Senior coordinator, Karen Haseley, visited at the January 27 meeting. She introduced her new intern, Jennifer O'Neill who will be working with Haseley until April. Information on Prince George's Community College courses, which are held in the Community Center, was presented. Seniors can attend any and all Prince George's courses once the basic fee is paid. The free movie scheduled for Monday, February 8, at 1 p.m. will be "Network."

The Travel Committee announced plans for two upcoming trips. A visit to Winterthur near Wilmington, DE is scheduled for March and the Japanese Art Exhibit at the Waterfront Museum in Wilmington will be visited in April. Specific dates are to be announced soon. Ellie Rimar, Membership Chair, introduced two new members and several guests at the January 27 meeting. The Club is growing by leaps and bounds! Hope all seniors are busy gathering tax information so that they can get their tax forms filed early. The new number to call for an appointment to receive tax preparation help is 301-918-8855. Tom Moran is such a wealth of tax information! The Club thanks him for his presentation on January 27.

HOOPS!
Pick-up basketball for ages 16 and up.
Greenbelt Community Center Gym in Old Greenbelt
Saturday (2/6, 2/13, 2/20) beginning at 11 a.m.
Sponsored by Greenbelt Baptist Church

This Sunday night at 6:00pm
EASTERN COLLEGE'S
transformed
will be performing at Greenbelt Baptist Church (corner of Crescent and Greenhill Rds)
Original skits, comedy and inspirational drama
for the whole family
Come and enjoy this free performance.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
IMPORTANT DATES RELATING TO 1999
SPECIAL ELECTION
Last day to register to vote 3/1/99
(must be received by 4:00 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)
First day to vote absentee ballot 2/17/99
Final date to request absentee ballot (by noon) 3/8/99
Election 3/9/99
David Moran, CMC
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, February 11, 1999
7:30 P.M.
GHI Board Room
GHI
Key Agenda Items
• Community Beautification Program Discussion
• Report from Playground Consultant Discussion
• Request for Donation—Academic Achievement Program Action
Board meetings are open to members.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM February 8, 1999 - 8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
6. Public Hearing on Transfer of Ownership from Jones to Comcast
7. Presentations
- "When Beavers Attack" Video
8. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
9. Minutes of Meetings
10. Administrative Reports
- * 11. Committee Reports
- III. LEGISLATION
12. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Compaq Computers for the Finance System
- 2nd Reading
13. An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Chapter 5 "Cable Television" of the Greenbelt City Code
- 1st Reading
14. An Ordinance for the Purpose of Renewing a Franchise for the Provision and Operation of a Cable Television System in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Jones Communications of Maryland; Approving a Franchise Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Franchise Agreement on Behalf of the City.
- 1st Reading
15. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4, "Buildings and Building Regulations" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Update and Revise Certain Provisions of the Code
- 1st Reading
16. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations." Of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a Penalty for Failing to Obtain a City Liquor License
- 1st Reading
17. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Revise Certain Provisions and Increase Certain Fines
18. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Update and Revise Certain Provisions of the Code
- 1st Reading
19. A Resolution Extending the Terms of the Cable Franchise Granted to Jones Communications of Maryland, Inc. Authorizing the Construction Operation and Maintenance of a Cable Television System in Greenbelt
- 1st Reading
20. A Resolution Granting the Consent of the City Council to the Assignment and Transfer of Control of the Cable Television Franchise and Cable Television System from Jones Communications of Maryland Inc. to Comsat
- 1st Reading
21. A Resolution to Continue the Community Mediation Service
- 1st Reading
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
22. Gravel Path at Schrom Hills Park
23. Acceptance of Reclassification Requests
- * 24. Acceptance of Job Description - Park Ranger I
- * 25. Request from Eleanor Roosevelt High School

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk

OBITUARY

Maree F. Loutsch

Maree F. Loutsch, a 35-year resident of Greenbelt, died on January 26. She and her husband had recently moved to the Westchester Park Towers, in part because of her ill health. They had resided since 1963 on Maplewood Court. She was 78 years old.

Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, she grew up and attended schools in St. Paul, including Rasmussen Business College. During World War II she was employed by the Army Finance Office at Ft. Snelling, MN. and was later transferred to the office of the Chief of Staff in Washington. After the war she returned to Minnesota and married George W. Loutsch. They then resided in St. Louis for 18 years before moving to Greenbelt.

Maree Loutsch worked for ten years at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. She was active in the Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's parish as well as at the county level of the organization. She was also a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 2809 Senior Citizens Club and the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 453 Seniors.

The mother of eight, Maree Loutsch is survived by her husband, five sons and two daughters — Donald of Hollywood, FL., Marcie Hargrove of Adelphi, Richard of Greenbelt, George of Petaluma, CA., Tom of Adelphi, Kathy Watkins of Berwyn Heights and James, also of Berwyn Heights. She was predeceased by her son John, who was killed at the age of four in an auto accident. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on January 29 with a private burial at Arlington National Cemetery on February 4. Contributions in memory of Maree may be sent to St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Has Senior Luncheon

A free Valentine luncheon will be held in the Terrace Room Monday, February 15 at noon for senior residents of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks and their guests. Call 301-441-1096 by Feb. 11 to register.



**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Municipal Building Sundays
10 A.M.

Baha'i Faith

"...one must remember that the purpose of this life is to prepare the soul for the next. Here one must learn to control and direct one's animal impulses, not to be a slave to them. Life in this world is a succession of tests and achievements, of falling short and of making new spiritual advances."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Tune in Baha'i Radio every Saturday at 12 noon on WUST 1120 on the AM dial

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>

Eileen M. Hensel

Eileen M. Hensel, 88, died on January 29 of pneumonia after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease. She lived in the 58 Court of Crescent Road from 1976 to 1989 and also lived in Greenbelt from 1940 to 1953.

Mrs. Hensel was a native of Pittsburgh. She worked as a secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville for many years. She was an avid bowler.

She is survived by her son, Richard, and daughter-in-law, Irene, of Greenbelt, her daughter, Fran, and son-in-law, Joe Lakey, of Bryson City, North Carolina; seven granddaughters and two grandsons and six great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Burial was in Uniondale Cemetery in Pittsburgh. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Boys and Girls Club Votes to Raise Dues

In a move to offset a \$10,000 shortfall in last year's budget, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors voted to raise dues and club registration fees by \$5 for the coming year. Most of the registration fee goes to the County Parks Department. Football was raised more because of the higher cost per player assessed per year to play the sport. The move comes as the group scheduled seven registration dates in February and March for the spring sports season.

Club registrar Mel Scites noted that the club's fees are still far below the prevailing rates at other boys and girls clubs in the county. Family maximums were also raised modestly. This was the first increase in club fees in two years. Registration information can be obtained by calling Scites at 301-794-0100. A registration schedule will be published in coming weeks.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community

February 7, 1999

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

"...Pants on Fire"

by John Burciaga,

Interim Minister

Religious Education 9:30 a.m.



The MAD cast of "Twelve Angry Men" now in rehearsal includes faces familiar to Greenbelters. Barbara Lohner, Jim Adams, Priscilla Struthers, Bill Pruett and Celeste MacMillan are Greenbelt residents and actors on the Greenbelt Arts Center stage.

photo by Randy Barth

Twelve Angry Jurors In MAD Production

The Music And Drama Club (MAD Productions) at Goddard Space Flight Center is presenting "Twelve Angry Jurors" on February 12-27 at Goddard's Recreation Center in Greenbelt. This is a stage version of the Henry Fonda/Lee J. Cobb film "Twelve Angry Men." The play explores the dynamics and interactions that occur when one member of a jury has reservations in what would otherwise seem to be an open-and-shut murder trial in which a sixteen-year-old is accused of stabbing his father. Tempers flair and personal prejudices are exposed, but the show is particularly strong in

questioning the jury's need to look below surface impressions.

To further this exploration, the production will host a post-show discussion following the Sunday, February 21 performance with guest moderators reflecting on the jury system in America.

The 13-member cast includes a number of local actors and actresses. Greenbelt residents may recognize Jim Adams, Barbara Lochner, and Priscilla Struthers from performances at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Bill

Henderson to Speak To Gray Panthers

James Henderson, newly elected school board member representing Greenbelt will speak at the Gray Panthers meeting Saturday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt police station. He will talk informally about his vision for improving the county schools, and there will be time for questions. The issue affects everybody in the county, whether or not they currently have students in the schools.

Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served. For information or for a ride call J. Parker at 301-474-6668 or E. Webb at 301-474-6890.

Pruett, a longtime Greenbelt resident, has appeared in many MAD productions over the years, as have many other cast members.

The show is directed by Eliot Malumuth from Baltimore and produced by Michael Hartman of Edgewater, both of whom are employed at Goddard. Included with admission is a pre-show musical cabaret, during which light food and beer, wine, and sodas are served.

The cabaret, directed by Greenbelt residents Ron Wilder and Mac Fancher, features works by Rogers and Hart.

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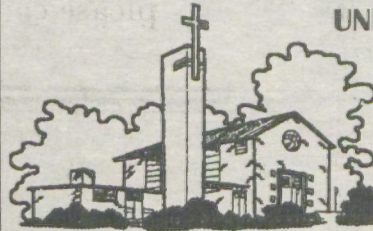
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COUNCIL

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than \$6,000. In addition, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater raised more than \$600 from donations and t-shirt sales. Senior Management Analyst W. Bowman Ferguson reported that theater owner Paul Sanchez had extended the festival for another week and will bring in two new films.

Davis asked whether Sanchez had indicated how he planned to reinvest the funds raised. Ferguson reported that he had mentioned upgrading the sound system, but that the city staff has not yet "pinned him down on that." Davis also asked whether better quality prints would be obtained for future festivals. Ferguson said that Sanchez has also been concerned about the print quality, but that some problems may be unavoidable in showing 30-year-old films.

Greenbelt New Year

Earl Kepler, chair of the Greenbelt New Year Committee reported on the 1999 Greenbelt New Year celebration, which he called a "smashing success." He asked for council's assistance in planning the 2000 celebration. Expecting more competition for corporate sponsorship in the year, Kepler asked for help in obtaining help from the county government, such as a letter of introduction from the county executive. In addition, the committee would like to have the Greenbelt celebration be identified as the official New Year's site for the county. The committee is also exploring the idea of becoming a "First Night" location.

Norman Evans Offers Free Jazz Concert

by Patti Brothers

Norman Evans, straight from the Greenbelt New Year '99 Celebration, will be performing a free Valentine's Day jazz concert at the Community Center on Sunday, February 14, from 4 - 6 p.m.



Jazz musician Norman Evans

Originally from New Haven, Connecticut, Evans has been performing in the Washington-Baltimore area for the last few years. In that time he has developed a reputation as a talented musician and quality performer. He has been playing his brand of original contemporary jazz since 1991 as a solo artist and prior to that was a member of various jazz bands in the New England area. Since relocating to Maryland, Evans has performed in a number of high profile venues, such as opening for Miles Jaye at the Ft. Dupont summer theater in Washington and the Fallfest celebration in Westminster. He entertained here at the 1998 Labor Day Festival and this last New Year's Celebration.

Evans plays all his own instruments — from keyboards to soprano and tenor sax to drums and also composes all of his own music. It is obvious that he loves performing and he will provide the audience with an afternoon of beautiful music. While the music is playing the New Deal Cafe will be open to serve food.

The committee received the "Outstanding Event" award from the Recreation and Leisure Services Branch of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, based on a nomination by Community Center Supervisor Joe McNeal.

Computer

A resolution providing for the negotiated purchase of \$11,309 in computer equipment for the finance computer system was introduced for first reading.

Liquor Licenses

Council agreed to take no position on the renewal of liquor licenses in the city after review by the Police, and Planning and Community Development Departments. A more significant concern was the lack of response by the county Board of License Commissioners to the failure of a restaurant to obtain the required city liquor license. The board said that it could do nothing to assist the city in forcing the business to obtain the city license. Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that in order to obtain a county building permit, a property owner must show proof that they have obtained a city permit. The city will send a letter to the board to inquire whether there is anything that body can do to help enforce municipal licensing requirements.

Appointments Hearing On Feb. 10 for Dems

The Prince George's Democratic Central Committee will hold a Public Hearing on proposed nominations for gubernatorial appointments to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Supervisors and the Prince George's County Board of License commissioners (Liquor Board).

The Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Democratic Party Headquarters located at 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland. Anyone interested in applying for either of the two Boards should contact their Maryland State Senator and the Prince George's Democratic Committee as soon as possible.

Prince George's County residents interested in seeking a nomination should contact the Democratic Committee by calling Mary Murphy at 301-372-8576, or by leaving a message at the Democratic Party Headquarters at 301-736-9590. A resume of relevant experience or other biographical information should be provided for the Committee's consideration no later than Tuesday, February 9.

Applicants may have individuals attend the hearings and speak on their behalf. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Senior Softball Recruiting

by Burt Kerr

It's that time of the year again, seniors. It is a proven fact that playing senior softball improves the aging process by increasing flexibility and muscle tone through regular physical activity. It also provides fun and social interaction, as well as the ability to bounce back after a

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6:30 p.m. Senator Leo Green presents "People and Places-Legislative Session 1999"

7:00 p.m. "Replay of City Council Meeting of 2/8/99"

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February 8, 1999

8:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
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A public hearing will be held on the transfer of the parent company of Jones Communications. Comcast will become the parent company, but will keep Jones intact. The public is invited to voice their concerns at this meeting. For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 301-474-8000.



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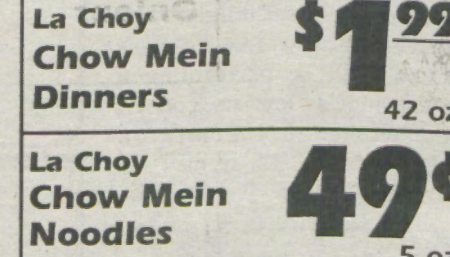
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BUDGET

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board noted that reading specialists have been assigned to elementary schools and that reading scores are now much higher than math scores.

A handout by the advisory board stated that "It is time that we admitted the deplorable problem we have and address it. Each elementary school in the county needs a math resource specialist funded by the Board of Education." In addition to Mach and Kirk, other Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Advisory Board members include Greenbelt City Manager Mike McLaughlin and Greenbelter Peggy King.

At the January 20 meeting of the ERHS PTSA, members voted unanimously to support the proposed budget, especially in the area of additional teachers for ERHS and other county high schools that have seven teaching periods a day rather than the standard six periods.

The very next night, January 21, Kirk and other PTSA representatives testified at the County Executive's Hearing on the FY 2000 county budget at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission offices in Riverdale. Kirk commented on the disappointingly small turnout for this hearing. However, the local group reiterated their support and concerns about the budget contents.



Kiija Manty, Melissa Coleman, Charisa Dowe and Marissa Troeschel rehearse for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School production of 42nd Street which is being held this weekend at the school.

photo by Leigh Catterton

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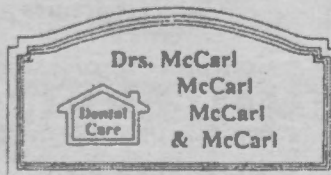
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POLICE

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drive unmarked vehicles, and therefore are not easily recognized. The chief also notes that there is no regularity in patrolling. This allows officers to observe activities at different times and leaves those who commit crimes uncertain as to when there might be a police presence. And while more than half of the officers' time was spent on patrolling, a large part of the day is spent responding to calls for service. "As much as each citizen wishes to see a police officer drive by their home, they desire equally that the officer respond to their home if and when police service is needed," Craze told the city council.

The Community Policing Program includes a number of initiatives to increase interaction between the police and Greenbelt citizens, such as bike patrols and foot patrols. While these programs bring officers into greater personal contact with citizens and make them more highly visible, they do reduce the area that can be covered by patrol, the chief reported. Therefore it is necessary to mix these community oriented procedures in with standard vehicle patrolling.

Substation

Craze admits that the Windsor Green substation is not used as frequently as was hoped or expected when it first opened. He said that while officers use the substation as their shift allows, placing a beat officer in the substation for a prescribed period of time will limit the time and area patrolled.

Another community policing activity that has been initiated is a neighborhood meeting drop-in program. When the department is advised of a scheduled neighborhood meeting, the beat officer and/or the squad supervisor will plan to visit during that meeting. Craze believes that this will provide officers with an opportunity to meet residents, share information, and hear concerns and will be an invaluable help to the officer in learning how they can better patrol the neighborhoods.

The chief concluded his report by commenting, "We can with confidence tell our citizens

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Armed Robbery

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Jan. 28, 7:29 p.m., a man was walking from his car to his building and observed two men walking towards him. After passing the man, they turned and faced him. One pointed a shiny metallic object at him and demanded money. The man began shouting, "Robbers, robbers!" and began backing away from them. He turned and ran into his home and last saw the men running towards the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Assault

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Jan. 21, 7:57 p.m., a 27-year-old male nonresident was charged with first-degree assault after he stabbed a man after a verbal altercation. The victim sustained a non-life-threatening wound on the left side and was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center. The suspect

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was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Drugs

Greenway Shopping Center, Jan. 26, 4:32 p.m., a 25-year-old male nonresident was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) with intent to distribute, two counts of possession of a CDS, and possession of CDS paraphernalia. The city's parking enforcement officer had asked the man to move his vehicle from in front of a bank that was closing and detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A police officer responded and arrested the man after drugs in sufficient quantity to indicate distribution, as well as drug paraphernalia, were found in the vehicle. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Burglary and Theft

7600 block of Mandan Road, Jan. 26, 1:54 p.m., clothing, purses, and shoes were stolen from an unsecured apartment.

Roosevelt Center, Jan. 26, 2:47 p.m., a credit card was sto-

len from an unsecured locker at a recreational facility and was used to charge merchandise outside of the city.

Roosevelt Center, Jan. 26, 5:45 p.m., the owner of a business was contacted by his alarm company because an alarm went off at the business. Upon arrival, he discovered that someone had attempted to pry open the front door.

Roosevelt Center, Jan. 28, 8:56 a.m., an entry door to an office was damaged in an attempt to force it open.

Vehicle Crimes

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 22, a maroon 1991 Honda Accord with Maryland tags FAZ 377 was stolen.

6000 block of Breezewood Drive, Jan. 25, a burgundy four-door 1980 Volvo 240 with Maryland tags 248 AYF was stolen.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block of Mandan Road, 3 and 9 courts of Ridge Road, 100 block of Westway, Roosevelt Center, 500 block of Crescent Road, 19 court of Hillside, 7800 block of Jacobs Drive, 6900 block of Lady Anne Court, Beltway Plaza Mall, and 5800 block of Springhill Terrace.

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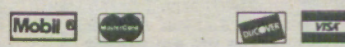
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WETLANDS

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in the plan. The federal Fish and Wildlife Service, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Environmental Protection Agency and others will conduct reviews during the permit process. It sometimes happens, Kelly said, that the different agencies disagree. Other wetlands may exist on the site, he said, but they may not be regulated, since they may not be connected to the waters of the U. S. He recommended that the city begin establishing a dialogue with each of these agencies to become acquainted with their respective regulations. Before any discussion can occur concerning possible mitigation of disturbed wetlands, the applicant would be required to demonstrate that the project could not be carried out without such disturbance. "The onus would be on the applicant to demonstrate that there are no practical alternatives," Kelly said.

Other Surveys

Other agencies will conduct surveys on the property to discover whether or not items of archeological value may occur. The Indian Creek region is known to have been an important site in both historical and prehistoric times of Native American settlements. Dinosaur remains may possibly occur as well. Such findings turned up near Bladensburg and near Contee Rd. in the 19th century, and a site off Muirkirk Rd. occasionally still offers such discoveries.

On the map, small pockets of wetlands occur near the railroad tracks. Further to the east, a braided area of small rivulets lies outside Corps jurisdiction. Since the soil is gravelly and sandy—as indicated by the sand and gravel operations that have occurred for decades on the Smith tract—and since the land is flat, these small streams tend frequently to merge and change.

Mayor Judith Davis wondered what effect these past commercial interferences might have—the dredging, flattening, and filling—in affecting the definition of these particular wetlands.

Reed was far more concerned about a culvert carrying storm water from Beltway Plaza on to the property. Over time it has created something like a 30' ravine, he said, and carries untreated water, which it sends downstream. He hoped that some design could be worked out to capture and treat this water.

Councilmember Thomas White worried that the proposed Beltway interchange, which would necessarily go beyond the site in question, would have even greater implications for the wetlands. Environmental studies will be a necessary part of the exploration of whether or not an interchange is feasible.

Reclamation

In response to a question by Mayor Davis, Ault described his company's commitment to ecological restoration and enhancement. He had brought copies of an EDAW brochure which defines ecological restoration as the effort "to recreate fully functioning historic ecosystems, with historic species composition" and which details specific projects the company had undertaken, primarily in California. Their approach, Ault said, is to try to develop "a consensus plan," involving biologists, hydrologists, and others.

Looking at the Greenbelt Station site and its mixed-use concept, he commented: "From a planning point of view, that's what's so exciting.... You can actually do some sustainable design initiatives." Preserving an important natural environment within the Beltway and at a Metro stop was a challenge he saw as "exciting"; to carry it out would require an entire team involved in the planning process and the creation of "positive relationships." Reed acknowledged that the team of planners "will probably propose some impacts. But what impacts are acceptable? I hope council won't say no impacts are allowed." "We're looking for a win-win scenario," he said.

Density

Mayor Davis queried the proposed density of the plan, which had grown from a projected 1.2 or 1.4 million square feet of retail to 1.4 to 1.8. For the kind of retailers required by CB 35, with its also-required letter of intent, a "critical mass" is "critical," Reed answered. He had hoped to have such a letter by now, he said, but it looks as though March or April will now be more likely. He indicated that "heightened interest" had been shown by retailers who had been approached.

At the same time, because of objections from residents in the Hollywood area, design plans for residential and office buildings had been scaled back to eight stories as a maximum. Other structures would be as low as three stories.

Focus on Recycling

The Recycling Advisory Committee is gearing up to plan a city Earth Day event for Saturday, April 17. The committee is interested in environmentally focused groups or individuals who would like to participate in the planning of this year's event. Please call the city recycling line at 301-474-8308 to express interest in participating.

Black Pursuits Quiz Scheduled Saturday

The 14th Annual Black Pursuits Quiz competition will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Prince George's Community College, Scooke Hall.

Teams from 16 County high schools will meet in the preliminary and semi-final rounds.

Boys and Girls Club Intramural Standings

as of 1/25/99

Wizards - 4-0

Terps 3-1

Tarheels 2-2

Raptors 1-3

Heat 0-4

Schedule: February 6

Wizards vs Heat 9 a.m.

Raptors vs. Terps 10:15 a.m.

at Greenbelt Youth Center

Marathon and Relay Set for February 14

The 38th Annual Washington's Birthday Marathon and Marathon Relay will be held on Sunday February 14 at 10:30 a.m. This 26.2 mile event will be hosted by the DC Road Runners Club. Late registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Call 703-241-0395 for additional details.

Happy Wanderers Walk February 13

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club will participate in a 10 km walk on Saturday, February 13, in Calverton, starting at the Ramada, 4050 Powder Mill Road. A short, 5 km, trail option is also available for new walkers and families.

Walkers are invited to start anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; walk events finish by 4 p.m.

For a brochure call Bill at 410-437-2164 or Don at 301-572-5574 (before 9 p.m.) or e-mail: wahasse@ix.netcom.com for information.

Citizens Plan to Organize On Metroland Wetlands

by Betsy Likowski

Environmentally concerned citizens are organizing in response to development plans near the Greenbelt Metro Station. They showed up to brainstorm for hours on Sunday, January 31 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The two results attendees agreed to do were meet again next Sunday to organize a group and to have as a goal the protection of the wetlands and woodlands along Indian Creek in the Smith property.

This meeting turned out to be a session for people to air their views, feel their way, get to know what was happening, and decide what to do next. The calm and polite audience gave people a chance to express a wide range of views about how and what should be done to preserve sensitive areas along Indian Creek.

Moderators John Krouse and Joyce Kunz-Pearce from Citizens for a Better Environment for College Park (CBECP) kept the meeting moving along at a good clip and followed an agenda and yet most people got to speak. Eventually it was the audience that swept the meeting in the direction of getting ready to orga-

nize for the future.

The group will meet on Sunday, February 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center to further organize. People expressed the need to talk of such organizational items as: forming a board of directors; establishing fund raising; possibly incorporating; possibly hiring an attorney to represent the group at meetings; and last but not least, naming the group.

60 Attend

In response to the call of two groups, the Greenbelt Friends of Indian Creek Valley and CBECP, about 60 people attended. About 20 percent were Greenbelters. Several local officials were in attendance including Mayor Judith Davis, and county councilmembers Walter Maloney and Peter Shapiro. An attorney for the developer of the Smith property was also in attendance, according to Maloney.

Indian Creek flows parallel to the western boundary of Greenbelt. Some of the wooded wetlands surrounding it can be seen from Cherrywood Lane. The proposed development plans are in the middle of what promises to be a lengthy process of reviews, hearings, and meetings.

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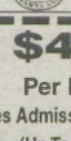
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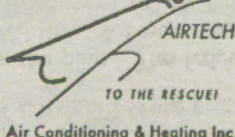
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